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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SEAT DETECTION AND SOFT SEATING
IN A PIEZOELECTRIC DEVICE ACTUATED
VALVE SYSTEM

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